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SUBJECT: TECHINCAL ASSISTANCE FOR ELECTION PREPARATIONS
REF: (A) STATE 124557, (B) DUBOSE/COOPER TELCONS
1. SUMMARY: THE ELECTORAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DOES NOT BELIEVE THE IADB OR OAS ROUTE IS FEASIBLE. IT IS NOW ASKING FOR USG HELP IN OBTAINING FIFTEEN MACHINES BY EARLY JUNE, AND USG ASSISTANCE IN INVESTIGATING AVAILABLE HIGH SPEED PRINTING. THE QUESTIONS OF FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION IS STILL UNSETTLED. END SUMMARY.
2. WE HAVE MET WITH THE ELECTORAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TWICE SINCE RECEIVING REFTEL (A) AND HAVE REVIEWED THE MATTERS RAISED IN THE TELEGRAM. THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN EFFASIVE IN ITS THANKS FOR OUR PROMPT AND HELPFUL RESPONSE. AS NOTED IN THE REF TELCONS. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE WAS GIVEN.
3. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT FEEL THAT EITHER IADB OR OAS ASSISTANCE WOULD BE THE KIND OF ASSISTANCE IT NEEDS AND OR DOES NOT FEEL THAT SUCH ASSISTANCF COULD BE GENERATED AND
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IMPLEMEMTED WITHIN A USABLE TIME FRAME. THE COMMITTEE, AND ESPECIALLY ITS NEW TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, MR. DERRICK DUNKLEY. SAID THAT JAMAICA HAS ALL THE TECHNICAL EXPERTICE IT NEEDS FOR THIS PROJECT, AND A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM IS UNNECESSARY.
4. MR. DUNKELY SAID THAT HE HAS LOCATED A NUMBER OF IBM 3742 KEYPUNCHING MACHINES THAT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE LOCALLY. HE SAID THAT HE CAN BORROW FOUR OR FIVE MACHINES FOR ACTUAL PHYSICAL INSTALLATION IN THE NEW ELECTORAL OFFICE(W. CH IS COINCIDENTALLY LOCATED IN THE FORMER U.S. EMBASSY CHANCERY BUILDING AT DUKE STREET), AND HAS TIME AVAILABLE ON OTHERS. THUS, HE CONCLUDES THAT HE NEEDS 15 MACHINES FROM EXTERIOR SOURCES IN ORDER TO COMPLETE HIS PROGRAM ON SCHEDULE. THE COMMITTEE THEN REQUESTED THAT THE USG HELP TO EXPEDITE THE IMPORTATION OF THESE MACHINES.
5. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE REFTEL MENTIONED THAT FIFTEEN MACHINES WERE AVAILABLE IN CANADA (WE ASSUME THAT THESE ARE 50 CYCLE, 110-220 VOLT MACHINES). THE COMMITTEE REQUESTED
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THAT THE USG CONTACT IBM AND ASCERTAIN IF THESE MACHINES ARE READILY AVAILABLE, COULD BE ASSEMBLED IN A HURRY, AND AIR TRANSPORTED TO JAMAICA IN ONE COMBINED SHIPMENT THE COMMITTEE SAID THAT IT WOULD ASCERTAIN FROM THE GOVERNMENT IF THE GOJ COULD PAY FOR THIS WHOLE OPERATION IN HARD CURRENCY. (WE ESTIMATE IT WOULD COST ABOUT US$100,000). UNFORTUANTELY, BECAUSE OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT, STILL IN SESSION. NO ANSWER HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING ON THE LATTER POINT. IN ORDER TO WORK OUT FUNDING, THE COMMITTEE ASKED US TO CHECK TO SEE IF IBM WOULD BE WILLING TO BUY THE MACHINES BACK AFTER THE OPERATION, AND IF SO, AT WHAT PRICE AND IN JAMAICAN OR US DOLLARS?

6. MR. DUNKELY PROPOSES TO COMMENCE THE KEY PUNCHING OPERATION

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ABOUT TWO WEEKS AFTER THE ENUMERATION PHASE STARTS, I.E. ABOUT JUNE 20, AND HE WILL ALSO PROGRAM HIS COMPUTER AT THE SAME TIME. HE HAS FULL USE OF A GOVERNMENT OWNED IBM 370 COMPUTER. THE COMBINED KEY PUNCH PROGRAM PHASE SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 4-6 WEEKS, AND THEN THE IBM MACHINE HERE CAN PRINT OUT MASTER ELECTOAL SHEETS IN ABOUT 40 HOURS (60,000 SHEETS, I.E. 1,000 FOR EACH OF THE 60 CONSTITUENCIES).

7. FOR PRINTING THE NECESSARY COPIES OF EACH MASTER, THERE ARE TWO POSSIBILITIES:

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(A) HAVE THEM PRINTED LOCALLY BY THE THREE HIGH-SPEED PRINTERS AVAILABLE (I.E. THE GLEANER NEWSPAPER, THE DAILY NEWS, AND THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER). MR. KUNDLEY BELIEVES THIS IS FEASIBLE, BUT MIGHT TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS. HE IS WORKING ENERGETICALLY TO GET AN ESTIMATE OF TIME -- HE BELIEVES IT COULD BE DONE IN THREE WEEKS IF EVERYTHING WENT SMOOTHLY. AT A MINIMUM 100 COPIES OF EACH MASTER NEED TO BE PRINTED FOR THE ELECTION, THOUGH EVENTUALLY THE TOTAL MUST BE ABOUT 300 (FOR FUTURE RECORDS, LOCAL ELECTIONS, ETC.);
(B) THE MASTER COPIES COULD BE TRANSPORTED TO THE U.S. IF THERE WERE ANY VERY HIGH-SPEED PROCESS AVAILABLE THAT COULD CUT THE TIME INVOLVED ENOUGH TO MAKE IT WORTHWHILE. MR. DUNKLEY DOES NOT BELIEVE SUCH A PROCESS EXISTS, BUT THE COMMITTEE IS VERY EAGER TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY. EVERY BIT OF TIME SAVED IS VALUABLE IN MINIMIZING THE DANGERS BUILDING UP TO INTERFERE WITH A PROPER ELECTION. INCIDENTALLY, MR. DUNKLEY SAYS THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BRING MASTER TAPES TO THE U.S. AS HE WILL BE PRINTING HIS MASTER COPIES FROM SEVERAL TAPE INPUTS SIMULTANEOUSLY TO SAVE TIME -- THUS, THERE WILL BE NO MASTER TAPES AT THE TIME PRINTING IS REQUIRED. IF SUCH A HIGH-SPEED PROCESS EXISTS, THE COMMITTEE NEEDS TO KNOW THE COST, AND WILL AGAIN TRY TO ASCERTAIN IF THE GOJ CAN PAY IN HARD CURRENCY.
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IF THIS LATTER PROCEDURE IS USED, THE COMMITTEE BELIEVES IT ADVISABLE TO PRINT 150 COPIDES, OR 9 MILLION TOTAL. THE MASTER COPIES OF EACH SHEET WILL BE 1 FT., 3 IN. TIMES 10 IN., OR ABOUT NINE LINES OF STANDARD IBM PRINTOUT. THE PRINTING REPRODUCTION WOULD NORAMLLY BE 1 FT., TWO IN. TIMES 11 IN.
8. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE FEASIBLE TO TRY TO MOUNT SUCH A QUICK AND INTERNATIONALLY-INVOLVED OPERATION VIA THE LOCAL IBM OFFICE, BUT RATHER THROUGH IBM INTERNATIONAL OR IBM CANADA. OF COURSE, THE LOCAL OFFICE WILL BE FULLY INFORMED AND INVOLVED AS NECESSARY.
9. COMMENT: WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS TO GET AN ANSWER ON THE ALL-IMPORTANT ISSUE OF FUNDING.
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